



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Santa Barbara City Fire Department Promotional Ceremony

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The Santa Barbara City Fire Department held a promotional ceremony to recognize the promotion of four department members. Promotional recipients included: Jim Bryden, promoted to the position of Fire Division Chief after 13 years serving the department as a Fire Battalion Chief; Mike De Ponce, promoted to the position of Fire Battalion Chief after 5 years as a Fire Captain; Bob Kendall, promoted to the position of Fire Captain after 11 years as a Fire Engineer; and Brad Waters, promoted to the position of Fire Captain after 8 years as a Fire Engineer.

Each promotional recipient selected a family member or friend to perform the ceremonial pinning of the badge representing their new rank. The promotional process includes fiercely competitive testing and oral interviews that require months of preparation from qualified candidates. Join us in congratulating our promotional recipients.



Captain Gary Pitney (ceremony MC), Captain Bob Kendall, Captain Brad Waters, Arisa Waters (led the Pledge of Allegiance), Battalion Chief Mike de Ponce, Division Chief Jim Bryden, Fire Chief Pat McElroy

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